(b) the cost of development per square metre proposed to be charged and the time by which development work is likely to be completed;

(c) whether certain such Group Housing Societies are still waiting for allotment of land;

(d) if so, the time by which land will be allotted to them; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU) : (a) As reported by the Greater Noida Industrial Development Authority, 16 Co-operative Group Housing Societies which have purchased land in the area notified as part of Greater Noida before creation of the Authority, have been allotted residential plots on the basis of Memoranda of Understanding (MOU) between the Authority and those societies. The names of those societies are given in the statement enclosed.

(b) As per the Memoranda of Understanding executed by the authority with these societies the initial basic rate of development charges was Rs.640 per square metre, which was subsequently revised to Rs.850/- per square metre with effect from 1.7.95, based on increased cost of development. The development work is likely to be completed by March, 1997.

(c) to (e). MOU has not been signed with 10 co-operative Housing Societies. In addition, there are two Co-operative Societies whose allotment letters have not been issued and one Society where allocation is partially incomplete. The Greater Noida Authority has, after reviewing the matter, decided not to enter into any fresh Memoranda of Understanding with such Societies for the allotment of individual plots to their members for the following main reasons:-

(i) Failure of Co-operative Societies to establish clear title over land proposed to be given to Authority in lieu of plots;

(ii) Legal bar due to ceiling laws operative on many societies on account of the societies having acquired land in excess of 12.5 acres;

(iii) Authority's development plans not reaching upto the land belonging to Societies, thus precluding use in the near future.

STATEMENT

Names of the Societies to whom land has been allotted.

1. Shri Sehkari Avas Samiti Ltd.
2. Jai Santoshi Sehkari Awas Samiti Ltd.
3. Pusp Enclave Sehkari Awas Samiti Ltd.
4. Alkananda Sehkari Awas Samiti Ltd.
5. Sachidanand Sehkari Awas Samiti Ltd.
6. Gomukh Sekhari Awas Samiti Ltd.
7. Aditya Vihar Sekhari Awas Samiti Ltd.
8. Shrivani Sehkari Awas Samiti Ltd.
9. Devalaya Sehkari Awas Samiti Ltd.
10. Sandeep Sehkari Awas Samiti Ltd.
11. Uma Sekhari Awas Samiti Ltd.
12. Uttaranchal Jan Kalayan Sehkari Awas Samiti Ltd.
13. Rajya Awas Kendriya Karmachari Co-operative Housing Society Ltd.
14. Himani Sehkari Awas Samiti Ltd.
15. Chitragupta Sehkari Awas Samiti Ltd.
16. Vishnu Garden Sekhari Awas Samiti Ltd.

[Translation]

Power Project in Bihar

2311. SHRI VIRENDRA KUMAR SINGH : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal to set up a 1000 MW power project in Bihar;

(b) if so, the extent of the amount proposed to be incurred on the said project;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the time by which the said project is likely to be opened?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI) : (a) to (c). A proposal to set up Maithon Right Bank Thermal Power Station of 4x250 MW capacity in the central Sector in Bihar at an estimated cost of Rs.3353.16 Crores has been received in the Central Electricity Authority (CEA) for according Techno Economic clearance. Besides the techno-economic clearance from the CEA, the project authority is required to obtain requisite statutory and other clearances from the sanctioning agencies at the Centre and in the State.

(d) The commissioning of the project can be anticipated only after all the necessary clearances and financial package has been tied up by the project authorities.

[English]

DDA Allotment

2312. SHRI B. DHARMA BIKSHAM : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the number of applications in Delhi pending before DDA for housing allotment;

(b) the details thereof category-wise; and

(c) the time by which these are likely to be disposed of?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU) : (a) and (b). DDA has reported that at present 63394 registrants are awaiting allotment under three Housing Schemes as per details given below :-

Category	NPRS'79	AAY'89	JHRS'96
MIG	12919	5461	-
LIG	18285	6729	-
JANTA	-	-	20000

(c) Keeping in view the constraints in availability of land and provision of services by other agencies, DDA has planned that all the awaiting registrants under NPRS '79 and AAY '89 will be allotted flats in a period of about two years. Under the Janta Housing Registration Scheme (JHRS), which was opened in February,1996, 10000 applicants are to be alloted flats in 2-3 year in the first phase. Out of these 10000, about 4000 flats are to be allotted in the current year itself.

Supply of Gas

2313. SHRI SANTOSH KUAMR GANGWAR : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are considering any proposal for setting up a gas distribution system to feed hundreds of small industries in Kanpur, Ferozabad, Agra, Khurja, Ghazibad and Noida areas of Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, the time by which the gas distribution system is likely to become operative; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) 0.23 MMSCMD of natural gas has been allocated to industrial units around Ghaziabad. An allocation of 0.6 MMSCMD has been made for industrial units in Agra-Ferozabad area.

(b) Allocated units in Ghazibad are already being supplied gas. Gas supplies to the industries in Agra and Ferozabad are expected to commence in 1997.

(c) No allocations have been made in Kanpur, Kurja and NOIDA areas as the gas available is fully allocated.

[Translation]

Depletion of Agricultural land

2314. SHRI DATTA MEGHE : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether agricultural land in the country especially in the metropolition cities is depleting;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken to check this depletion?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). Urban Development is a State subject. The patterns and changes in urban land use vary between States and towns and between points of time. Due to this, data on changes in urban land use are not maintained at the national level. Conversions of agrcultural land use to residential, commercial and industrial purposes to cope with the demand of economic development and urbanisation are the main reasons for the depletion of agricultural land, and they vary from city to city and from time to time. To check this depletion, integration of urban and rural planning is essential. In this regard, the Constitution (74th) Amendment Act, 1992 has made it mandatory for the States to constitute district and Metropolitan Committees at the District and metropolitan levels respectively.

Power Generation

2315. SHRI NITISH KUMAR :
JUSTICE GUMAN MAL LODHA :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have launched several schemes in 1995-96 to increase power production in the country;

(b) if so, whether sufficient funds were allocated for the implementation of these schemes;

(c) the details thereof, scheme-wise;

(d) whether 75% of funds allocated for power sector remained unutilised;

(e) if so, the details thereof and the percentage of total funds actually utilised during 1995-96; and

(f) the reasons for non-utilisation of the funds?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI) : (a) to (c). Improvement to power production in the country is a continuing exercise. For the year 1995-96, the approved outlays for different schemes in the Central and State Sector (including Union Territories) for the power sector are as follows :

	Approved Outlay (Rs. Crores)
Generation Scheme	11073.78
Renovation and Modernisation	488.46
Transmission & Distribution	6025.23
Miscellaneous	856.07
Rural Electrification	1193.90
Total	19637.44